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Honorable Jonathan B. Bingham
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Dear Mr. Bingham:

The Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence met today to consider your letter of August 4, 1982.

The Committee does not have the documents which you wish to examine. Requesting them specifically so as to make them available to you or other members would, in the opinion of the majority of the members of the Committee, place the Committee in the position of mediating a dispute between you and the Central Intelligence Agency. The Committee does not wish to involve itself in this dispute, especially since it would not be requesting the documents in question for any reason of its own.

The consensus of the Committee is that you, as chairman of the Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade, have ample jurisdictional claim and as-yet-unemployed remedies to pursue this matter with Director Casey. The Committee feels it should not consider your request further until those avenues have been exhausted.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

Edward P. Boland
 EDWARD P. BOLAND
 Chairman